

What is claimed:

1. An implant adapted to be inserted between adjacent first and second spinous processes comprising:
 - a first end that defines a first saddle;
 - a second end that defines a second saddle;
 - a first tether associated with the first saddle;
 - a second tether associated with the second saddle;
 - the first tether adapted to retain the first spinous process in the first saddle; and
 - the second tether adapted to retain the second spinous process in the second saddle.
2. The implant of claim 1 wherein said first tether is separate from the second tether.
3. The implant of claim 1 wherein said first end defines first and second arms with the first saddle located between the first and the second arms and with the first tether securable to the first and second arms in order to retain the first spinous process in the first saddle.
4. The implant of claim 1 wherein said first end defines first and second arms with the first saddle located between the first and the second arms and with the first tether securable to the first and second arms.
5. The implant of claim 1 wherein,
 - said first end defines first and second arms with the first saddle located between the first and the second arms and with the first tether securable to the first and second arms; and

said second end defines third and fourth arms with the second saddle located between the first and second arms and with the second tether securable to the third and fourth arms.

6. The implant of claim 1 including a body located between the first and second ends.

7. An implant adapted to be inserted between adjacent first and second spinous processes comprising:

a first end that defines a first saddle;

a second end that defines a second saddle;

a first fastener associated with the first saddle, which first fastener is adapted to surround the first spinous process;

a second fastener associated with the second saddle, which second fastener is adapted to surround the second spinous process;

the first fastener adapted to retain the first spinous process in the first saddle;
and

the second fastener adapted to retain the second spinous process in the second saddle.

8. The implant of claim 1 wherein said first fastener is separate from the second fastener.

9. The implant of claim 1 wherein said first end defines first and second arms with the first saddle located between the first and the second arms and with the first fastener securable to the first and second arms in order to retain the first spinous process in the first saddle.

10. The implant of claim 1 wherein said first end defines first and second arms with the first saddle located between the first and the second arms and with the first fastener securable to the first and second arms.

11. The implant of claim 1 wherein,

said first end defines first and second arms with the first saddle located between the first and the second arms and with the first fastener securable to the first and second arms; and

said second end defines third and fourth arms with the second saddle located between the first and second arms and with the second fastener securable to the third and fourth arms.

12. The implant of claim 1 including a body located between the first and second ends.

13. An interspinous process implant adapted to be inserted between a first and a second spinous process comprising:

a first end adapted to engage a first spinous process and a second end adapted to engage a second spinous process; and

at least one fastener secured to an end through a bore, where the fastener surrounds the spinous processes.

14. The interspinous process implant of claim 13, where the first end defines a first saddle, and the second end defines a second saddle.

15. The interspinous process implant of claim 13, where the fastener is a tether.

16. The interspinous process implant of claim 13, further comprising a body between the first end and the second end.

17. An interspinous process implant adapted to be inserted between a first and a second spinous process comprising:
- a body having a first end defining a first saddle, and a second end defining a second saddle, where the first and second saddles are adapted to engage first and second spinous processes; and
- at least one fastener secured to an end through a bore, where the fastener surrounds the spinous processes.
18. The interspinous process implant of claim 17, where the fastener is a tether.
19. The interspinous process implant of claim 17, where the first saddle is located between a first arm and a second arm.
20. The interspinous process implant of claim 19, further comprising a first tether securable to the first and second arms through a first and a second bore, where the first tether retains the interspinous process implant between the spinous processes.
21. The interspinous process implant of claim 17, where the second saddle is located between a third arm and a fourth arm.
22. The interspinous process implant of claim 21, further comprising a second tether securable to the third and fourth arms through a first and a second bore, where the second tether retains the interspinous process implant between the spinous processes.
23. The interspinous process implant of claim 17, where the fastener for one end is a tether, and the fastener for the other end is a pin.
24. An interspinous process implant adapted to be inserted between a first and a second spinous process comprising:

a body having a first end defining a first saddle, and a second end defining a second saddle, where the first and second saddles are adapted to engage first and second spinous processes;

a first fastener secured to the first saddle through a first bore and a second bore, where the first fastener surrounds the first spinous process; and

a second fastener secured to the second saddle through a first bore and a second bore, where the second fastener surrounds the second spinous process.

25. The interspinous process implant of claim 24, where at least one of the first or second fasteners is a tether.
26. The interspinous process implant of claim 24, where the first saddle is located between a first arm and a second arm.
27. The interspinous process implant of claim 26, further comprising a first tether securable to the first and second arms through a first bore and a second bore, where the first tether retains the interspinous process implant between the spinous processes.
28. The interspinous process implant of claim 24, where the second saddle is located between a third are and a fourth arm.
29. The interspinous process implant of claim 28, further comprising a second tether securable to the third and fourth arms through a first bore and a second bore, where the second tether retains the interspinous process implant between the spinous processes.
30. An interspinous process implant having a central body with first and second saddles adapted to receive adjacent spinous processes, the improvement comprising the interspinous process implant having at least one tether secured to at least one saddle in order to retain the interspinous process implant between the interspinous processes.

31. An interspinous process implant having a central body with first and second saddles adapted to receive adjacent spinous processes, the improvement comprising the interspinous process implant having one tether secured to one saddle and one pin secured to the other saddle in order to retain the interspinous process implant between the interspinous processes.
32. An interspinous process implant having a central body with first saddle having first and second arms projecting from the first saddle and a second saddle with third and fourth arms projecting from the second saddle, where the first and second saddles are adapted to receive adjacent spinous processes, the improvement comprising the interspinous process implant having a first tether secured to the first and second arms and a second tether secured to the third and fourth arms, where the arms and tethers position the interspinous process implant between the interspinous processes.